

**REMARKS**

Upon entry of the preliminary amendment, claims 1-22 and 25 and 26 are pending in the application. New claims 25 and 26 have been added by this amendment. Claims 23 and 24 are canceled without prejudice. The claims have been amended to comport with U.S. Patent Office regulations. Examination of the claims is respectfully requested.

## CONCLUSION

Applicant(s) respectfully submit that the Application and pending claims are patentable in view of the foregoing amendments and/or remarks. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. As always, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the Undersigned by telephone if direct conversation would be helpful.

Respectfully Submitted,

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